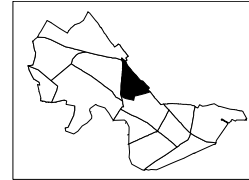


NEIGHBORHOOD 8

AGASSIZ



BOUNDARIES: bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 5,241 residents
1,891 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

COMPARISON OF 3RD Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

| CRIME | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Housebreaks | 17 | 14 | 13 | 38 | 14 |
| Street Robbery | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Auto Theft | 4 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 11 |
| Larceny from MVs | 27 | 17 | 25 | 40 | 21 |
| Malicious Destruction | 16 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 10 |
| Drug Arrests | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |

2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

Housebreaks have significantly declined when compared to last year's numbers. However, a rise began to emerge in September, a trend throughout other neighborhoods as well. One particular apartment complex on Howland Street was targeted on three occasions during September. Thursdays are the most common day for these breaks, and daytime hours are the dominant time. Two of the housebreaks were unsuccessful attempts, and two of the total to date were perpetrated by a party known to the victim. There were also four arrests, two in June and two in September. • There were only two **street robberies** so far in 2003. Both of these took place during the second quarter. One was a purse snatching, while the second involved two suspects demanding the victim's wallet, which he was unable to produce and was punched in the face. • The second quarter showed the highest number of **auto thefts** for Agassiz. No thefts took place in February, May or September of this year. Over fifty percent of the stolen vehicles have been recovered. The only location with multiple incidents was Scott Street. • **Malicious destruction of property** took place throughout the week, but particularly overnight, after victims parked their vehicles following a workday. The 0 to 100 blocks of Oxford Street and Francis Avenue were the main locations for repeat offenses. • This area of Oxford Street was also targeted for **larcenies from motor vehicles**. Nearly half of the breaks took place during the second quarter, with a concentration during the month of April. There have been a couple of thefts of tires since the beginning of the year. The majority of all car breaks took place in the nighttime. The latter half of the week was also more active for car breaks • There has only been one **drug arrest** so far this year, and it took place in May. This incident occurred on Oxford Street, and was the result of discovering two men in possession of marijuana and Methadose while in their vehicle. The arrest was a cooperation between Harvard University Police and Cambridge Police.

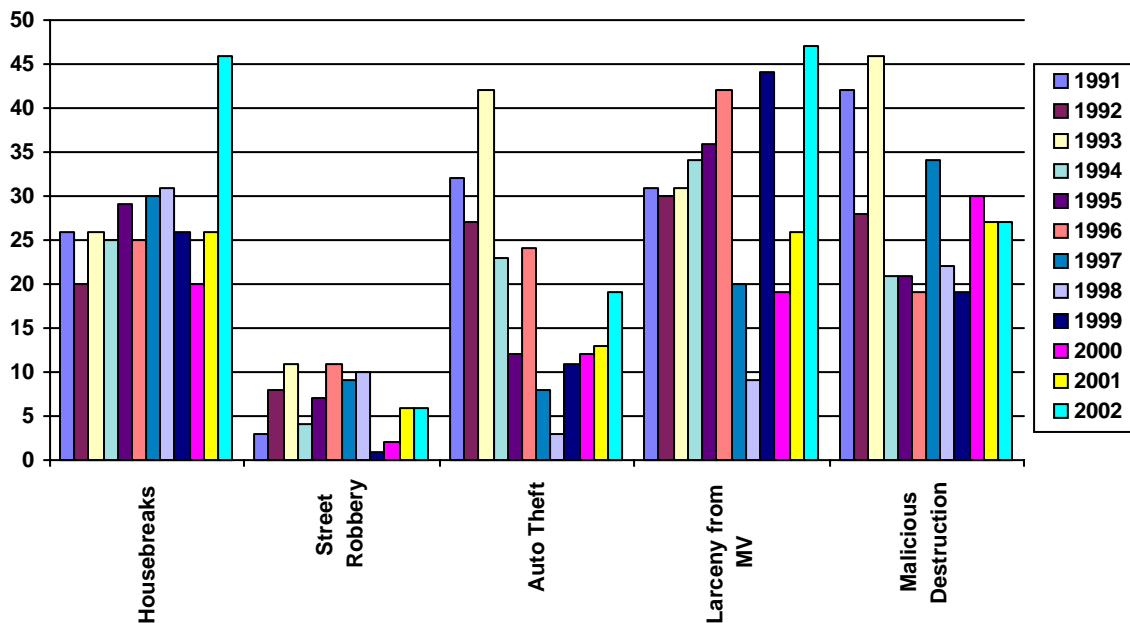
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average **housebreak** and **larceny from motor vehicle** totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for **street robberies**, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**.
- Juveniles entering the neighborhood from Somerville were suspected in a pattern of **street robberies** in 1996 and 1997; such patterns arise every few years, usually clustered at the intersections of Massachusetts Avenue and Wendell Street or Oxford Avenue and Sacramento Street. These occasional patterns generally occur in the late night on weekends.
- Somerville juveniles have also been associated with occasional tire slashings on Forest Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.

ANNUAL TOTALS



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES

| Crime | 1981-1990 | Rank 81-90* | 1991-2000 | Rank 91-00* | Rank 2002* |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Housebreaks | 67 | 8 | 25 | 10 | 6 |
| Street Robbery | 11 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 10 |
| Auto Theft | 45 | 12 | 20 | 10 | 9 |
| Larceny from MVs | 47 | 11 | 30 | 11 | 9 |
| Malicious Destruction | 45 | 11 | 29 | 10 | 11 |

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest